



Prairie Pothole Wetland and Grassland Retention Program (PPWGRP) Fact Sheet

Protecting Wetlands and Grasslands in the Prairie Pothole Region

Through the Prairie Pothole Wetland and Grassland Retention Program, NRCS will assist North Dakota agriculture producers with:

- Utilizing the grassland resource of expiring or expired CRP for grass-based agriculture;
- Restoring marginally productive croplands back to grasslands and wetlands;
- Improving the management of working lands for agricultural production while minimizing impacts to our natural resources;
- Developing conservation plans to achieve their conservation goals.

Eligibility

The program is available to agricultural producers north and east of the Missouri River.

The application cutoff date for funding in FY 2014 is **April 18, 2014.**

Contact your local NRCS Field Office for additional information and to research scenarios specific to your farming operation.

The focus of the program is to install core conservation practices such as:

- Forage & Biomass Planting (512)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)

Additional supporting conservation practices are also available to assist in meeting your conservation goals.

Scenario 1: Producer wishes to convert expired Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to grazing land.

Producer plans grazing infrastructure practices such as fencing and water developments on a 160 acre parcel of expired CRP. Once the structural practices are installed, a prescribed grazing system will be implemented.

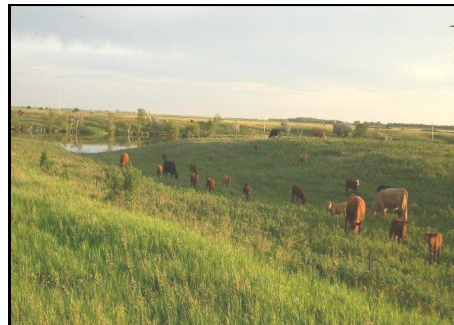
Fencing = \$0.91/ft = \$10,560

Well = \$18.21/ft = \$4,553

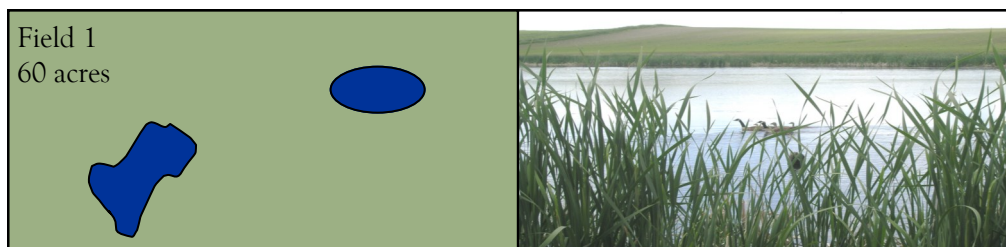
Tank = \$1.07/gal = \$1,177

Prescribed Grazing \$5.08/ac/yr for 5 years = \$4,064

Financial Assistance Available = \$20,354



Scenario 2: Producer wishes to apply a multi-species cover crop regime (340) to provide diversity in food, cover, and pollinator habitat for grassland nesting birds and use wetland wildlife habitat management (644) to improve wetland habitat for wildlife.



A 60 acre field consists of 50 acres of cropland (green) and 10 acres of wetlands (blue). A multi-species cover crop will be planted for 5 years and the wetlands managed for wildlife habitat for 5 years.

Cover Crop (340): 50 acres @ \$58.22/ac = \$2,911 per year.
(\$14,555 for years 1 through 5)

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644): 10 acres @ \$129/ac = \$1,290 per year.
(\$6,450 for years 1 through 5)

Financial Assistance Available = \$21,005

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